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THE TIME IS NOW ELIMINATING BIAS IN FAMILY LAW

FREE EDUCATIONAL SERIES

October 2nd, 16th and 29th, 2020 at 12PM

Legal specialization and participatory bias credit may be earned

As officers of the court we are all bound to serve all people, not just some. As a family law community, we must be able to give the people we serve the dignity of justice and being heard. The Talmud asks, if not me, then who? If not now, when? We invite each of you to participate with this series and not just be a part of the discussion, but also part of the impetuous for change. The time to address bias and systemic racism is now and if not us, then who?

ACFLS invites anyone who comes into contact with and serves participants in the family law system: all family law attorneys, all family law bench officers, all family law court staff, DCSS, mediators, facilitators, Judicial Council staff, and family law clerks. We have intentionally scheduled all three panels at noon so all court staff is able to participate.

You must register in advance for each course individually below. After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the webinar.

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SESSION ONE OCT. 2nd, 12-1PM

Understanding Race and Social Dominance: White Supremacy, Structural Racism, and the American Legal System

United States history is founded in the bedrock of white supremacy and racism. From the Colonial Era to the present, race and indigeneity have shaped the lived experiences of all people within the nation. Sadly, across the centuries, the legal system has protected and legitimized structural racism rather than eliminating or meaningfully challenging it. This lecture will examine ways the legal system has enforced and protected white supremacy and structural racism across the centuries.

Speaker: Mr. Carlton Waterhouse, a renowned law professor at Howard University in Washington D.C., author and educator.

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SESSION TWO OCT. 16th, 12-1:30PM

An Overview of Implicit Bias and Decision-making

Over the last decade, research in social psychology and brain science has enabled scientists to better understand how humans make decisions and what influences or shapes human decision-making and interactions. This highly interactive session explores what has been learned from implicit bias research and how our biases contribute to systemic and persistent racial and ethnic disparities.

Speaker: Mr. Michael Roosevelt

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SESSION THREE OCT. 29th, 12-1PM

If Not Us, Who? A Dialogue for Change

These family law leaders will address concrete steps each of us, individually and as a team can take to promote dignity, equality and ultimately justice for every family we serve.

Speakers: Judge Mark Juhas from Los Angeles County, Judge Erica Yew from Santa Clara County, Bonnie Hough, Principal Managing Attorney for the Center for Families, Children and the Courts of the Judicial Council of California, and Oma Dosunmu, Executive Director of the California Lawyers Association

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